been allotted for repairs to roads in the budget and if the whole amount is not spent, my request is that the money should not lapse to Government, but should be set apart for next year's work. I am sure this will not embarrass the Government.

Dewan.—This is not possible as there would be financial difficulties. Under the budget arrangements, provision for incomplete works will be made before allotting funds for new works.

SUBJECT No. 7.

Attestation of thumb impression in case of transfer of State Loan Bonds.

Messrs. T. G. Nagappa, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk and Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The order that illiterate holders of the State Loan Bonds should have their thumb impressions to the endorsement transferring the bonds attested by a Magistrate is a hardship to many raiyats. I think these illiterate people might have their thumb impressions attested by a Sheristadar in their own taluk. The order may therefore be modified.

Financial Secretary.—Orders have been issued in this connection and have been published in the *Mysore Gazette*. All these circumstances have been taken into consideration before the issue of orders.

Note.—A copy of the new order was given to the mover who was asked to read it and then say what he had to bring to the notice of Government.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Those who are not able to go to the treasury for attestation may be permitted to do so in the presence of a Sheikdar. If it is required to attest before a Sub-Registrar, a witness is also required.

Financial Secretary.—If these people are asked to have their thumb impressions attested before a responsible Government Officer, they cannot be easily deceived to part with their holdings for less than their market value. Those who are unable to go to the treasury or appear before the Magistrate, such as, women, sick and old or are not accustomed to appear in public, may have the thumb impressions attested before the Sub-Registrar. As he would know most of the people in the taluk, he may not require a witness to identify the party.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa.—The present arrangement is a great hardship to poor raiyats, as they will have to come from long distances to attest before a Magistrate. Women and sick persons are not able to walk long distances. All the State Loan Bonds are printed in English and most of the raiyats do not understand this language. When a transaction is made, this should be done before a witness. I would therefore request that this arrangement may be cancelled and the rule modified. Patels and Shanbhogs, or Sheikdars may be authorised to attest the thumb impressions.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—State Loan Bonds are issued through the Amildar in every village and taluk. The selling of bonds has become a sort of undesirable transaction. Some people are under the impression that they will not be able to enjoy the interest as well as the money they have lent. Hence, they would be satisfied if they get something towards the bonds. The restriction now imposed should not be cancelled, otherwise there would be many cases of forgery. By being required to appear before an Amildar or other responsible Officer, the bondholder would have security against deceptive persons and would be induced to keep his bonds with him. I therefore strongly object to the rule being modified.

Dewan.—We had better wait for some time more and see how this arrangement works. We should also afford protection to the poor.

Financial Secretary.—It is necessary that, in order to find out the genuineness of the thumb impression, an arrangement of this kind is essential. We have gone farther than the Government of India in some respects. It is not possible therefore to cancel the arrangement so soon.

SUBJECT No. 8.

Payment of interest to holders of the Mysore State Loan Bonds by Sheikdars.

Mr. Chikkamallappa, Gundlupet Taluk.

Mr. Chikkamallappa.—Payment of interest due to holders of the Mysore State Loan Bonds of 1920 may be made by *Hobli* Sheikdars as people find it difficult to receive payment of the same from treasuries. If this arrangement is not possible, interest may, at least, be sent to the parties concerned by postal money orders.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa.—I support the proposal.

Financial Secretary.—It is not possible to send the interest by money order. Bonds are now given in the form of promissory notes and they have to be presented at the treasury for entering the payment of the interest in the cages allotted on the reverse of the bonds. Arrangements have now been made for the issue of stock certificates in exchange of pro-notes free of cost. Under this arrangement, a cheque is given by the Comptroller for the amount a person earns by way of interest and he can cash it in any Taluk Treasury without any difficulty. Besides, there is this advantage in having the bonds in the form of stock certificates. Suppose they are stolen. People derive nothing from merely possessing them. I believe this arrangement is the best.